

**Gregory Palmer of West Haddon,  
Northamptonshire**  
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## **Introduction**

Gregory Palmer was born and buried at West Haddon and served as its vicar for nearly 52 years. His horizons extended further afield in at least two respects. When studying at Hart Hall, Oxford he would have mixed with a much wider range of companions than those likely to be found in a Northamptonshire village. Three of his children settled in Southwark immediately south of the River Thames. One of them arrived there in time to view the Great Fire of London as it destroyed much of the City on the opposite bank and so was able to provide Gregory with first-hand accounts of the event and its aftermath. Gregory Palmer came to my attention through discovering that he was one of my 8x great grandparents - Appendix G shows his connection to the Howcutt family.

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When transcribing documents, obvious abbreviations are silently expanded. Otherwise, original spellings are kept and text has sometimes been arranged into paragraphs.

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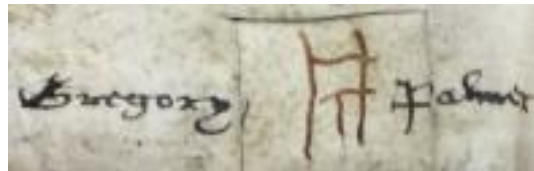
## **West Haddon and the Palmer family**

West Haddon is a village some 12 miles north-west of the centre of Northampton. Until recent times, the road between Northampton and Rugby passed through the village but there is now a by-pass. The parish church, dedicated to All Saints, is a medieval structure with various more recent alterations. It is a Grade I listed building and described in detail on the website of Historic England. [1] Much of the main body of the structure survives from Gregory Palmer's lifetime.

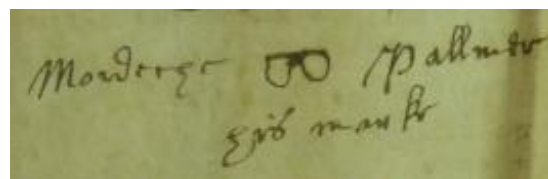
There is evidence of the presence of members of the Palmer family at West Haddon during most if not all of the 16th century but the parish register only survives from 1653, so the records that do remain from before then provide only little to establish the exact relationships between the earlier Palmers at West Haddon and Gregory the vicar. Among the details which have been found from before 1653 are:

- 1520 – The will of John Freeman of West Haddon appointed '*Richard Palmer of Haddon*' as overseer. [2]
- 1525 - The Northamptonshire tax assessment included Richard Palmer amongst those liable to pay at West Haddon. He was assessed at £4 based on the value of his goods, which represents 2.5% of the total amount of £159 for the 25 taxpayers in the parish. [3]

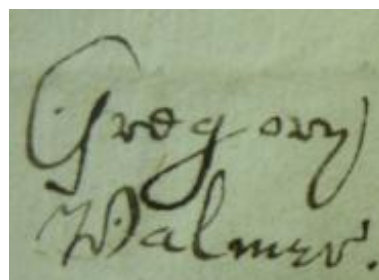
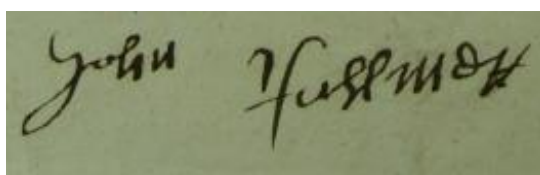
- 1559 - The will of Henry Wossiter of West Haddon appointed Thomas Palmer as an overseer. [4]
- 25 April 1576 - Gregory Palmer of West Haddon was party to a deed. [5]
- 2 December 1581 - The will of Thomas Palmer of West Haddon mentioned many people with the Palmer surname or described as blood relatives (see Appendix A).
- 26 November 1584 - Gregory Palmer was named as an overseer in the will of Thomas Page of West Haddon. [6]
- 1586 - Gregory Palmer was named as an overseer in the will of John Warren of West Haddon. [7]
- 28 May 1591 - The will of William Warren the elder of West Haddon left 12 pence to '*William Paulmer*', a servant to John Warren the younger of West Haddon. [8]
- 9 July 1597 - The will of Emme Wattes of West Haddon appointed Gregorie Palmer as an overseer. [9]
- 27 November 1598 - Gregory Palmer applied his distinctive mark as a party to a covenant to produce deeds [10].



- 6 (or 26) February 1623/4 - William Palmer was a witness to the will of Henry Page of West Haddon. [11]
- 1 May 1644 - Daniel Palmer, a husbandman of West Haddon, settled on John Palmer of West Haddon (son of William Palmer, deceased) and David Hawford of Winwick, clerk as trustees a cottage at West Haddon inhabited by Daniel. This was a marriage settlement for the benefit of Daniel's '*sonne and heyre*' John Palmer and his wife Elizabeth. [12] The document includes the signature of Daniell Pallmer and the mark of Morde[che?] Pallmer who was a witness.



- 18 May 1647 - John Palmer the son of Daniel Palmer of West Haddon, husbandman, acknowledged that he had received £30 from Edmund Watson of Ashby St Ledgers, yeoman, as the full portion of John's wife Elizabeth (sister of Edmund Watson), given to her by the will of her father William Watson. John signed as '*John Pallmer*', one of the witnesses was '*Gregory Palmer*'. [13]



## Early life

The inscription on his monument in West Haddon churchyard stated that Gregory Palmer was born at West Haddon and points to his birth having taken place around January 1607/8. However, as the surviving registers for the parish only start in 1653 there is no record of his baptism. Gregory evidently had at least one brother as when making his will on 11 September 1645, John Palmer, a yeoman of West Haddon, appointed his brother Gregory Palmer as an overseer (see Appendix B). One of the witnesses signed as Gregory Palmer; the text of the will itself appears to be in the handwriting of that individual and is in a similar style to other examples of the vicar's handwriting.

Gregory was also related to John Gulliver, a yeoman of West Haddon, who made his will (witnessed by Gregory Palmer) on 6 September 1654 and was buried there on 12 October of the same year. [14] Bequests in the will included '*I give unto my Cosin Mr Gregorie Palmer our Minister the summe of tenne shillinge for which he shall preach A funeral sermon at my burial if he be thereunto required*'. The reference to 'cosin' is ambiguous as in the 17th century the possible meanings of the word cousin included the relationship that is now described as a nephew. If Gregory was indeed a nephew of John Gulliver, the maiden name of Gregory's mother would also have been Gulliver.

An outline of Gregory's education and career is set out in *Northamptonshire & Rutland Clergy* by Rev Henry Isham Longden [15]. This source states that on 3 January 1629/30 he matriculated at Hart Hall (a forerunner of Hertford College) Oxford and was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts 26 days later. Matriculation means the ceremonial admission to the university; presumably Gregory - who by that stage was 22 years old - had already been studying at Oxford for some time.



**Hart Hall in 1675 [16]**

Gregory was made a priest by the bishop of Oxford on 19 December 1630. On 28 June 1633, he was promoted to the degree of Master of Arts. [17]

## Marriage and children

The parish register of Blisworth, some 15 miles beyond Northampton from West Haddon, records the marriage on 15 September 1639 of *'Mr Gregorye Palmer & Anne Hoe'*. They had seven known children.

	Baptised	Married & place	Buried & place
Mary	Born c. 1641	David Gosford 1662/3 SMCL	1690/1 SOS
Richard			
William		Katherine	?1735 West Haddon?
Daniel		?Alice Harris 1676 St Marylebone?	?1731 St Saviour Southwark?
Ann		William Elmes 1670 Dunchurch	1699 West Haddon
Elizabeth		n/a	1654/5 West Haddon
Thomas	1655	Elizabeth Wheeler 1679 SKC Mary Terrey 1722 SOS	1728 SOS

SMCL = St Michael Crooked Lane, City of London

SKC = St Katherine Coleman, City of London

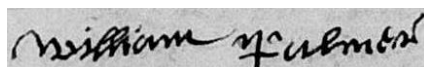
SOS = St Olave Southwark

- Mary was probably the first child, as she was already about 21 years old when a licence was granted on 19 January 1662-3 by the Vicar General for her marriage.
- Gregory's sons Richard, William and Daniel, are listed above in the order in which they are mentioned in his will, which is not necessarily their order of age. The will gives no clue about where Gregory's daughter Ann was in the age sequence.
- Elizabeth was buried on 23 February 1654/5 - as her baptism is not recorded in the register and the earliest baptism that was mentioned there took place on 6 November 1652, she presumably lived for at least 15 months and possibly for considerably longer.
- It appears Thomas was the youngest child as he is the only one whose baptism was sufficiently late to be recorded in the surviving West Haddon register.

*'Anne Palmer, the wife of Gregory Palmer Vicar'* was buried at West Haddon on 18 August 1686.

## Vicar and vicarage

It is not known how (if at all) Gregory earned his living during the ten years between his ordination and institution as vicar of West Haddon on 6 August 1641. [18] One of the two diocesan records of his appointment mistakenly recorded his name as *'George Palmer'*. [19] The previous incumbent, James Tomson, had been instituted as vicar in 1608 and was buried there on 30 July 1641. [20] He described himself as *'weake of Bodie'* when he made his will two days before his funeral. [21] William Palmer signed his name as one of the witnesses.



Gregory's presentation to the living took place seven days after his predecessor's burial, which suggests that the succession had already been discussed during James Tomson's lifetime.





**All Saints, West Haddon**

It is quite possible that West Haddon church was not in excellent order when Gregory became vicar, as a survey four years earlier had listed these defects:

*'The ministeres seate is conceived not to stand conveniently on the South side of the Church and the pulpit on the North And therefore wee conceive yt is fit that ye ministeres seate be removed to the pulpit.  
The great bible wants decent binding.  
Diverse of the seates in the Church want boarding in the bottome.  
The Cover for the font undecent.  
The staires unto ye pulpit very unseemly without a ray[l].  
There wantes a doore for the Church porch.  
The seates in the Chancell ly filthy and want boarding in the bottome.  
The Mounds of the Church yard are too lowe in some places.'* [22]

A survey in 1656 of the state of church benefices produced schedules concerning livings in Northamptonshire which included the following report:

*'Westhaddon is a Vicereidg valued att £40 by the yere; the patron thereof is George Clerke Esq; the present incumbent is Mr Gregorie Palmer; yt is distant a mile from aine other parish church'.* [23]

Gregory's income was augmented by other sources. It was not only close relatives who left him legacies. For instance, when Anne Church of West Haddon made her will on 14 March 1641/2, she left 10 shillings to 'Mr Palmer to preach my funerall sermon'. [24] For many years, Gregory was a surrogate, with authority to administer oaths in connection with the probate of wills and the issuing of marriage licences. He also wrote out and may well have drafted the text of various wills made by local people. At least some of these activities would have helped Gregory financially. In addition, his will confirms that Gregory owned land at West Haddon in a personal capacity.

Gregory's long tenure as vicar of West Haddon extended through the Civil War, the Commonwealth and the Restoration of the Monarchy. Not all of the local clergy retained their posts during the accompanying upheavals. In the 1640s, some were deprived of their livings as a result of accusations about matters such as their hostile attitude to Parliament, religious opinions and personal behaviour. In 1662, another wave of clergy were unseated because they would not comply with provisions of the Act of Uniformity of that year that included agreeing to use the Book of Common Prayer in services and complying with the procedure for making, ordaining and consecrating bishops, priests and deacons. [25] Gregory retained his position throughout those times without a break, but no other evidence has been found that points to his personal opinions on the many controversies of that era.

Among the records of Northampton Archdeaconry Court are manuscript letters from Gregory, sent in his role as a surrogate. The text of one of them, relating to the will of John Morris [26] and addressed '*For my very good friend Mr Maydwell the Registrar at his house in Abbingdon Street in Northampton*', is:

*'Mr Maydwell*

*I gave oath this day to Elyzabeth Morris of our towne Executrix to her Father John Morris lately deceased touching the probate of his Will & the Inventory of his goodes; - Sir I desire if you can with any convenience, let this business bee dispatchd to bring the writeings backe by the bearer, - and if any favour may be shewne in respect of the charge, let her find it, because I know, notwithstanding ye inventory it will bee hard enough with her.*

*With kind love & respects presented I rest your friend to serve you*

*Greg: Palmer*

*West Haddon*

*May 29*

*1671*

*I left John Prats Will of our towne, with Mr Fox at the Visitation, praye tell this bearer when it wilbee ready and they will accordingly bee with you to pay for it & fetch it.'*

The inventory dated 16 August 1641 compiled in connection with the probate of James Tomson's will mentions these rooms within his house:

- The milke house
- The kitching
- The Hall
- The Parlor (with one Bed)
- The studdie chamber (with one Standing Bed)
- The next chamber (with two Beds)
- The Buttery

No inventory has been found of Gregory's chattels; the Hall Chamber and parlour were the only rooms referred to in his will. However, hearth tax records for the year ending Lady Day 1674 indicate the scale and status of his home. The assessment for West Haddon lists 106 householders in the parish, 24 of whom were exempt from paying because of poverty. The only person listed with the Palmer surname was '*Mr Palmer*' who



was liable to pay tax for six hearths. This was the greatest number of hearths recorded for any house at West Haddon, only two other assessments being for more than three hearths – the houses of John Trasly and Roger Walker, each with five hearths. [27]

In 1662, the hearth tax assessment for West Haddon includes an entry for 'Palmer viccar', also with six hearths and again with the highest number of hearths in the parish. [28] The house immediately west of the churchyard now called 'Brownstones, 2 High Street' was formerly West Haddon vicarage. It has been altered since the 17th century but substantial parts survive from Gregory's time. A grade II Listed Building, its description by Historic England rests on inspection of the exterior. [29]



**The Old Vicarage, West Haddon**

Sources dating from before and after Gregory was vicar both confirm that the vicarage stood to the west of the church. A glebe terrier of 1580 refers to:

*'a house caled the vicarage hose standing on the west side of the parish church of West Haddon with a stable yard kill house a dovehouse an orchard a garden and a close adjoining to the backside of the house and opening into the churchyard there'.* [30]

In 1730, the churchwardens reported that *'the goods, lands and houses, tithes and dues belonging to the Vicarage of West Haddon'* included:

*'The Vicarage House standing on the West side of the churchyard and the outhouses, yard, garden, orchard and close thereunto belonging, three or four acres of ground, be the same more or less'.* [31]

The latter document sets out in detail other property that was held as glebe (i.e. church land allocated to support the vicar whilst he was in office) – this included two closes of enclosed land and a half yardland of land dispersed as some 55 furlongs in the open and common fields of the parish, with a combined area of more than 17 acres. It also lists customary payments due to the vicar, such as yearly levies of one penny from each householder, one penny per garden, one penny per person aged 16 or more and four pence per tradesman. Such arrangements, if enforced, must have given many opportunities for friction between the vicar and his flock.

Gregory died on 11 June 1693 and was buried at West Haddon. The event is not recorded in the parish register, but his altar monument survives in the churchyard, just south of the chancel. Gregory signed his will five days prior to his death and probate was

granted on 17 June of the same year (see Appendix D). Not all of the inscription that was carved on the south side of Gregory's tomb survives. However, when John Bridges compiled his history of Northamptonshire between 1719 and his own death in 1724 he noted this as the text of the monument [32]:

*'Here lyeth honest Griggory,  
Which was a true friend to the Ministry;  
And the soul's true friend for eternity,  
And one of the best fathers to his ability;  
Hee studded the true form of Christianity,  
The which he hoped would abound to posterity.*

*Grigory Palmer Minister of West-Haddon 52  
years and odd mounths: it being the place of his  
Nativity; in which parish he first received his  
breath, and also ended his last the 11 day of June  
1693. Hee being 85 years, 5 months, and odd  
days old.'*



**Gregory Palmer's monument**

### **Ann Hoe – wife**

No record has been found of the birth, baptism or parentage of Ann Hoe. If, as is probable, she was at least 16 years old when she married in 1639 and no more than 50 years old when her youngest child was baptised in 1655, she would have been born during the period 1605-1623. It is almost certain that she was a member of the Hoe family who lived at Roade (a parish that adjoins Blisworth), where the earliest record of the surname in the parish register is the baptism in 1632 of *'Elizabeth Hoe the daughter of Richard Hoe & Dorathy his wife'*.

Writing in the early 18th century, John Bridges stated that Sir Hatton Fermor sold Hyde (which was one of the three manors in the parish of Roade) to Stephen Hoe. [33] Bridges does not cite a primary source or a date for the transaction. The farmhouse now known as Hyde Farm House, Hyde Road was the home of members of the Hoe family and their descendants until the 19th century and may well have been Ann Hoe's home prior to her marriage.

On 23 June 1637, the Privy Council made an order as the result of a dispute between Samuel Preston, vicar of Roade, and Stephen Hoe, the impropiator (i.e. the person who was entitled to the tithes). [34] The existence of this recent disagreement may explain why Ann was married not at Roade itself but at Blisworth, whose parish church is two miles from Hyde Farm House.

### **Mary Palmer – daughter**

The parish register of St Michael Crooked Lane, in the City of London states that '*David Gosford of St Olaves parish in the Burrough of Southwarke & Mary Palmer of St Swithins parish neere London stone were joyned in Matrimony by a Lycence the xxth of January 1662: being Tuesday*'. [i.e. 20 January 1662/3] The licence was issued on 19 January 1662/3 for David Gosford of St Olave's, Southwark, clothworker, widower, aged about 36, & Mary Palmer, of St Swithin's London, spinster, aged about 21; with the consent of her father Gregory Palmer of West Haddon co. Northampton clerk; the marriage to take place at St Michael Crooked Lane, St Mary Woolnoth, St Swithin's or St Mary Bothaw. [35]

The baptisms of these children of David and Mary Gosford have been identified in St Olave's parish register.

	Baptised	Occupation of father	Mother
David	1664	Tallo chanler	
Ann	1665	Clothworker	Mary
Samuel	1667	Talloe chandler	Mary
William	1669	Clothworker	Mary
William	1670	Clothworker	Mary
Elizabeth	1673	Tallow chandler	Mary
David	1675/6	Clothworker	Mary

The shortest interval between the baptism dates is less than 15 months (15 July 1669 to 29 September 1670), so the children are probably from a single set of parents, despite the alternating occupations recorded for the father.

David was a widower when he married Ann Palmer, so he may well have had other children from his previous wife.

Southwark St Olave parish register records the burial on 3 March 1690/1 of '*Mary w. David Gosford*' and on 15 April 1691 that of '*David Gosford sexton*'. Because of the enormous number of burials in the parish (a total of 50 in April 1691 alone), the sexton of St Olave's parish must have been extremely busy unless he had assistants.

Three days before his burial, David made a nuncupative will setting out bequests to his '*two eldest sons Daniel & William*' and to his children Mary, Anne and David (see Appendix C). He appointed '*my Brother Thomas Palmer and John Warman*' to be overseers. Probate was granted on the basis of testimony from three witnesses on 4 August of the same year. The inventory has not been found but the total valuation of his chattels amounted to £168.10s.7d.

### **Richard Palmer – son**

Richard was evidently still alive in 1693 when Gregory's will mentioned his son Richard. He was probably the father of '*Ann Palmer daughter of Richard Palmer*' to whom Ann Gosford left a legacy in her will in the same year (see Appendix E).

### **William Palmer – son**

Gregory left bequests to his son William and to his grandchildren William Palmer and Hannah Palmer. No record has been found of William's marriage but evidently fathered these children of William & Katherine Palmer who were baptised at West Haddon:

	Baptised	Married	Buried
William	1677		
Anne	1680	n/a	1686
Hannah	1683/4	George Newton 1705	1769

The burial on 21 January 1721/2 of '*Catherine Palmer*' is recorded in West Haddon parish register but details of her husband's demise are not certain. The only plausible burial at West Haddon that may be his is '*William Palmer*' on 13 July 1735. However, that person could be the son of William & Catherine or another individual with the same name.

### **Daniel Palmer – son**

Daniel was still alive in 1693 when Gregory's will mentioned him by name. He was almost certainly the Daniel Palmer, father of Susan Palmer and Ellis Palmer, who is referred to in the will of Ann Gosford, which also included a legacy to '*my Ant Palmer wife of Daniell Palmer*' (see Appendix E). The following baptisms from the registers of three adjoining parishes, whose church buildings were all within one mile of each other, are the most plausible for offspring of the Daniel Palmer whose father was Gregory of West Haddon, although they do not include a daughter with the name Ellis:

#### St Mary Magdelene Bermondsey

- 17 February 1678/9 – Susannah the daughter of Daniell Palmer
- 19 January 1680/1 – Gregory the sonne of Daniel Palmer

#### St Olave Southwark

- 30 October 1684 – Daniel S. Daniel & Alice Palmer Feltmaker
- 29 August 1686 – Ann D. Daniel & Alice Palmer Feltmaker

#### St Thomas Southwark

- 13 December 1690 – Robert ye so. Daniell & Alice Palmer
- 23 January 1691/2 – Dorcas, D. Daniel & Alice Palmer
- 23 August 1694 – Elizabeth D. Daniel & Alice Palmer
- 25 December 1695 – Thomas So. Daniel & Alice Palmer. [*'Alice Palmer'* who was buried St Thomas Southwark on the very same day was presumably the mother]

It seems likely that the parents of these eight children were Daniel Palmer and Alice Harris who had married at St Marylebone on 11 September 1676.

It is possible that '*Daniel Palmer a hatter*' who was buried at St Saviour Southwark on 9 July 1731 may have been Alice Harris' widower but, alternatively, that record may relate to their son who was baptised in 1684.

### **Ann Palmer – daughter**

The parish register of Dunchurch, Warwickshire, which is some ten miles from West Haddon, records the marriage in 1670 of '*Wm Elmes of Sillesworth in ye parish of Watford & Ann Palmer of West Haden*'. The precise date is unclear, but the entry is written between events which took place respectively on 15 September and (3d?) October. Silsworth is a very short distance from West Haddon – there is no doubt that Ann's husband was the son William Elmes mentioned when Mary Elmes of West Haddon (widow of Thomas Elmes) made her will on 19 July 1669 [36] and was the same person as '*my deceased Brother William Elms*' whom Joan Elmes, a spinster of West Haddon, mentioned when she made her will on 30 December 1697. [37]

West Haddon parish register records the baptisms of their four children:

	Baptism	Marriage	Burial
Mary	1673	Thomas Cleaver 1703	
John	1676	Elizabeth	1738
Thomas	1678	n/a	1681
William	1680/1	n/a	1682/3

'*William Elmes the husband of Anne Elmes*' was buried at West Haddon on 10 August 1680 – seven months before the baptism of his youngest child. West Haddon parish register records the burial on 12 September 1699 of '*Ann Elmes wid.*'.

### **Elizabeth Palmer – daughter**

West Haddon parish register records the burial on 23 February 1655/6 of '*Elizabeth the daughter of Gregorie Pallmer minister and Anne his wife*'.

### **Thomas Palmer – son**

On 4 September 1679, Thomas Palmer married Elizabeth Wheeler at St Olave's church. The parish register states that the marriage took place by licence, but no further details of the licence have been found.

St Olave's, one of the parishes in the borough of Southwark, was situated alongside the River Thames immediately south-east of London Bridge and included the land now occupied by London Bridge station. The number of its inhabitants was one of the largest of any parish in England, its population in 1678 being estimated at 12,440. [38]





**St Olave's church in the 'Long View of London' by  
 Wenceslaus Hollar, 1647**

(image courtesy of The British Museum)

The many Palmers mentioned in its parish register were not necessarily all related to each other. However, the connection between Thomas Palmer of St Olave's and West Haddon is supported by this evidence:

- 1689 – Thomas & Elizabeth gave one of their sons the name Gregory.
- 1691 - David Gosford of St Olave appointed '*my Brother* [i.e. brother-in-law] *Thomas Palmer*' as an overseer for his will (see Appendix C).
- 1693 – The will of Ann Gosford mentioned Elizabeth as the wife of Thomas Palmer and also Elizabeth, Mary, Gregory and Ellis as his children. (see Appendix E).

Therefore, there is no doubt that Thomas Palmer who married Elizabeth Wheeler in 1679 was the same person as the son Thomas whom Gregory of West Haddon mentioned in his will in 1693.

The parish register of St Olave's includes these children, with their parents recorded in the register as Thomas & Elizabeth Palmer along with the father's occupation as listed in the following table:

Baptised	Name	Occupation of father
18 July 1680	Elizabeth	Tallow Chandler
31 October 1681	Thomas	Tallow Chandler
25 December 1682	Ann	Chandler
16 November 1684	Ann	Tallow Chandler
11 December 1687	Wheeler (son)	Tallow Chandler Parish clerk
17 November 1689	Gregory	Parish clerk
3 January 1690/1	John	Parish clerk
30 April 1696 (born & baptised)	Humphrey	Parish clerk
19 January 1698 (born 31 December)	Susanna	Parish clerk

By no means all of the children survived infancy. Burials of ten children of Thomas Palmer are recorded in the parish register during 1680-1700 alone but, as all of the relevant records lack the name of the mother and the occupation of the father, we cannot always be sure which were offspring of Thomas & Elizabeth and which of another

couple (Thomas & Agnes Palmer) who also had children baptised at St Olave's during that era.

Buried	Name	Relationship to Thomas & Elizabeth
11 September 1683	Ann	Must be the daughter baptised 1682
9 February 1685/6	Thomas	
27 August 1689	Wheeler (son)	Must be the son baptised 1689
28 September 1690	Ann	
4 June 1691	John	Probably the son baptised 1690/1
9 June 1694	Anne	
27 January 1694/5	Mary	
15 June 1695	Thomas	
11 July 1698	Elizabeth	
3 February 1699/1700	Jane	

In 1699, Thomas Palmer of St Olave Southwark was the Master of the Parish Clerks' Company. [39] Many of the records of the Company were lost when its Hall in Wood Street in the City of London was destroyed by bombing in 1940, which limits the scope for further investigation of Thomas' activities in that body.

It is probable that the burial at St Olave's of '*Elizabeth Palmer*' on 3 November 1720 is of Thomas' wife. If so, it was just over two years after being widowed that Thomas remarried. The parish register of St Katherine Coleman in the City of London records '*Thomas Palmer widower, and Mary Terrey spinster, both of the parish of St Olave in Southwark*' being married by licence on 5 December 1722. No further details of the licence have been found.

Southwark St Olave parish register records the burial on 27 June 1728 of '*Thomas Palmer*'. The date is consistent with him being the Thomas Palmer, the parish clerk of that parish, whose will was made on 18 July 1727 with probate granted on 24 June 1728 (see Appendix F).

## **Appendix A: Will of Thomas Palmer, probate 1581/2 [40]**

Thomas Palmer must have died between making the will (2 December 1581) and when it was proved (23 February 1581/2). The text of the will as recorded in the office copy is:

*In the dei nomine amen. The seconde daie of December in the 24th yere of the raigne of oure soveraigne ladye Elizabeth [2 December 1581] by the grace of god of Englande Fraunce and Irelande queene defender of the faithe etc I Thomas Palmer of the parishe of all Saintes of Westhaddon in the Countie of Northampton yeoman beinge of whole minde and in good and perfecte remembrance (laude and praise be unto allmightie god) doe make and ordeyne this my presente testament concerning my last will in manner and forme following (that is to saie) First I commende my sowle to allmightie god my maker and redemer And my bodye to be buried in the parishe Church of Westhaddon aforesaide Alsoe I geve and bequeathe to the Church of Petereboroughe sixe pence. Alsoe I geve and bequeathe to the Towne of Westhaddon twentie shillings to be imployed towards the onelie repairing and maynteyninge of the Church there. Alsoe I geve and bequeathe to Richard Palmer of husbandes Bosworthe in the countie of Leicester my sonne five poundes to be equallie distributed amongst his childrenne. Also I geve and bequeathe to Thomas Palmer the seconde sonne of Richard Palmer my sonne all and singular my messuages and tenements, lands, meadowes, pastures, closes, feedings, edifices, buildings, rentes, reversions and services whatsoever withe thappurtenances scituate lyeing and beinge within the towne parishe and feildes of Hathorne in the countie of Leicester whiche I heretofore hadde by the lawfull conveyance of George Turvill esquire To have and to houlde the saide premisses to the saide Thomas his heires and assigned forever. Provided all waies, and my minde purpose and meaninge and intende herein is that Richarde Palmer my sonne shall have the use and occupacion of all the saide landes and other premisses to the saide Thomas his sonne heretofore devised duringe his pleasure, So that the same maie remaine and comme to the saide Thomas at suche tyme as maie bee moste for the preferment and advauncement of the saide Thomas as shallbe thoughte most convenient to the saide Richarde his father. Also I geve to the saide Thomas Palmer one crowe of iron. Also I [sic] William Palmer of Husbandes Bosworth aforesaide, my brother shall have all and singular the messuages howses tenements landes meadowes pastures closes and all other the commodities and proffittes whatsoever whiche he nowe occupyethe of myne in Bosworthe aforesaide for & duringe his natural life, yealdinge and paying therefore yerelie unto my heires and assignes the olde usuall and heretofore accustomed Rente. Also I will that Richard Brabson my sonne in lawe and Margery his wife their executors and Assignes shall have and enioye one yarde Lande with thappurtenances whiche nowe beinge in their Tenure or occupacion for and during the terme of one and twentie yeres after thend and expiracion of the terms whiche the saide Richarde bought of Thomas Chapman yelding and paying therefore yerelie unto my heires and assignes the oulde usuall and accustomed rente.*

*Also I geve & bequeathe to the saide Richarde Brabson and Margery his wife the somme of tenne poundes to be equallye distributed amoungste their childrenne at their discrecions.*

*Also I geve and bequethe to Thomas Palmer of Bosworthe aforesaide my coson one busshell of milne corne.*

*Also I geve to John Palmer of Cleycoton my coson one bushell of milne corne.*

*Also I geve to the poore of the parishe of Husbandes Bosworthe aforesaide three shillings fower pence to be distributed at the discrecions of Richarde Palmer my Sonne and William Palmer my brother.*

*Also I geve to Anne Palmer the wife of Gregorye Palmer my daughter fyve poundes to be payde within two yeres nexte after my departure, and to the use and behooffe of her children to be equally distributed amoungst theme at her discrecion and to everie one of her sayde children an ewe and a Lambe,*

*Also I geve and bequeathe and will that John Bayly my Sonne in lawe and Ellen his wife shall have one messuage or tenement with thapptenances to the saide John Baylye and Ellen scituate lyinge and beinge in Daventrie in the countie of Northampton next adioynninge to one tenement of me the saide Thomas Palmer nowe beinge in the occupacion of Thomas Baker on the one parte and a tenemente nowe leased to Roger Cave esquier on the other parte, to have and to hold the saide messuage or tenement with thappurenances to the saide John Baylye and Ellen his wife and too their assignes for and during their lyves naturall or the life natural of the longer lyver of theme, yealdinge and paying therefore yerelye unto the heires and assignes of me the saide Thomas Palmer twelve pence of lawfull Englishe moneye.*

*Also I geve and bequeathe to Ellen Baylye my daughter fiftie shillings to be equallie distributed by hir amoungst her childrenne at her discrecion Also And the same to bee paide within twoe yeres nexte after my departure.*

*Also I geve and bequeathe to Elizabethe Robyns, the wife of Thomas Robyns of Longbuckby in the countie of Northampton my daughter fyftie shillings to be paide to her within two yeres nexte after my departure to be distributed by hir equallie amoungste her children at her discrecionne.*

*Also I geve and bequeathe to Johan Warde the wife of Adrian Warde my daughter fiftie shillings to be paide to her within two yeres nexte after my deceasem to be distributed by hir equallie amonge her childrenne at hir discrecion.*

*Also I geve and bequeathe to Margerye Pywell my sisters daughter three poundes of money and a coffer to be delivered at the discrecion of my executor of which somme of three poundes I will that William Homan the sonne of Robert Homan shall have tenne shillings when he shall come oute of hys yeres.*

*Also I geve and bequeathe to Anne Pywell my sisters daughter fortie shillings to be payde at May daye or Whitsondaye nexte after my decease at the choise and discrecion of my executor.*

*Also I will that my executor shall keepe and mainteyne Johan Homan my sister during her liffe with sufficiente meate, drincke and clothe of Robert Homan her husband shall not hereafter be able to keepe and mainteyne her.*

*Also I geve and bequeathe to Richarde Homan the sonne of Robert Homan tenne shillings to be paide to him when he shall comme to discrete yeres as shall be thought best to my executor.*

*Also I geve & bequeathe to William Pywell one ewe and a Lambe of the midle sort.*  
*Also I geve and bequeathe to Robert Homan the Somme of twentye shillings.*  
*Also I geve and bequeathe to the poore in Longbuckby three shillings fower pence.*  
*Also I geve and bequeathe to the poore in Winwicke twoe shillings.*  
*Also I geve to Nicholas Coles of Badby three shillings fower pence.*  
*Also I geve to the childrenne of John Coles late of Badby deceased begotten on the body of his last wife twentie shillings of that monneye whiche their mother oweth me to be equallye distributed amoung theme.*  
*Also I geve and bequeathe to Alice Wilson of Yelvertoft one strike of Mylne corn.*  
*Also I geve and bequeathe to William Edleston of Westhaddon aforesaide weaver fortie shillings whereof I will that that fifteen shillings whiche Edward Egleston his brother oweth me shalbe percel*  
*Also I geve to Edward Welchman servant to Mr Britten one sheepe.*  
*Also I geve and bequeathe to John Coles of Coldashbye in the countie of Northampton one strike of milne corne.*  
*Also I geve and bequeathe to William Willes and Thomas Willes either of theme an ewe and a lambe.*  
*The rest of all my gooddes and chattels unbequeathed (my debtes paide and my funeral expenses discharged) I geve and bequeathe to William Palmer my sonne, whome I make my full and sole executor of this my last will and testament.*  
*Also I make overseers to this my presente will Richarde Palmer my sonne and William my brother.*  
*And I utterlie revoke and adnull all and everie other former testaments willes legacies, bequeastes executors and overseers by me in any wise before this tyme made, named, willed and bequeathed.*  
*In witness whereof to this my present last will I have sette my hand and Seale the daie and yere firste abovesaide In the presence of theise testyfynge the same Raffe Turner, Richard Palmer, Richard Marshe, Richarde Worceter and William Egleston. Signum dic. Testatoris.*

Probate was granted by the Prerogative Court of Canterbury on 23 February 1581/2 and William Palmer, natural son of the deceased and executor, was sworn.

## **Appendix B: Will of John Palmer, probate 1646 [41]**

John Palmer must have died between making the will (11 September 1645) and when it was proved (20 November 1646). The text of the original manuscript of the will is:

*September the 11<sup>th</sup> 1645:*  
*In The name of God Amen I John Palmer of West Haddon in the County of Northampton yeoman being sicke in body (but of perfect remembrance) doe make my last will & testament in manner & forme following -*  
*First I bequeath my soule into the hands of God Almighty trusting to bee saved onely by the all-sufficient merits of my Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ and my body to bee buried in the Church or Churchyard of West-Haddon aforesayd & for those temporall blessings that God hath bestowed upon mee I dispose of them as followeth.*



*Imprimis I give unto my eldest daughter Elyzabeth Palmer the sume of thirtie pounds to bee payd her when shee shall attayne the age of one & twenty yeeres.*

*Item I give unto my second daughter Mary Palmer the like sume of thirtie pounds to bee payd her at her age of one & twenty yeeres.*

*Item I give unto my yongest daughter Jane Palmer likewise the sume of thirty pounds to bee payd her at her age of one & twenty And if it happen that either of my sayd three daughters Elizabeth Mary or Jane shall depart this life before shee or they shall accomplish the sayd age of one & twenty yeeres then my will is that the portion appoynted for the deceased shall remayne to the survivors to bee equally divided amongst them.*

*Item I doe appoint my wife Anne Palmer whom I make sole Executrix of this my last will & testament, to receive (more then her ioynture) all rents due for one halfe yard land, house & backside lately leased out to William Satchwe[II] and the rent or profit of the crosse lying in the towne of West Haddon between Thomas Spoke & John Banbury & the rent or profit of ten acres of enclosure lying in Silsworth in the parish of Watford and alsoe the house wherein I now dwell with all the edifices & backside there unto belongi[ng] as alsoe the 20s. yeerely which issues out of the lands of Elyzabeth Gulliver of the aforesaid West Haddon widow, all which rent & revenue my will is should bee used by my sayd wife An Palmer For the education of my son Greg: Palmer, & my three daughters forenamed, untill my sayd son shall attaine to the age of one & twenty yeeres & then my sayd son to possesse & enjoye the same.*

*Provided that my sayd son Gregory shall pay unto my three daughters Elyzabeth Mary & Jane twenty pounds a piece when they severally shall accomplish the ages of one & twenty.*

*All my household goods & Cattell and whatever other goods I have not disposed of (my burial charges & engagements freed & discharged) I bequeath unto my wife Anne Palmer, whom I before appoynted the alone Executrix of this my testament;*

*I doe appoint Daniel Palmer of West Haddon my uncle & my brother Gregory Palmer to bee overseers of this my will:*

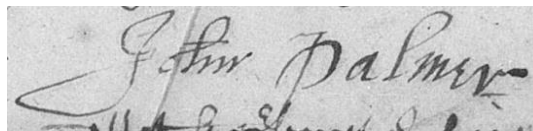
*[signed] John Palmer*

*made & subscribed in the presence of*

*[signed] Gregory Palmer*

*[signed] William Satchill*

*[signed] Daniell Pallmer'*

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John Palmer', written in a cursive style typical of the 17th century.

Probate was granted by Northampton Archdeaconry Court on 20 November 1646 and Anne Palmer was sworn.

### **Appendix C: Will of David Gosford, probate 1691**

This statement was signed by the witnesses to David Gosford's nuncupative will:

*Memorandum That David Gosford Senr. of the parish of St Olave in the Burrough of Southwark in the County of Surrey Did on the Twelfth day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety One, being then of sound and perfect mind and memory in the time of his Sickness whereof he dyed at his*

*Dwelling house or habitation in the parish of St Olave aforesaid Nuncupate, utter and declare his Last Will and Testament by word of mouth in these words or the like in effect following vizt.*

*I have already given to my Two eldest Sons Daniel and William their Portions, however that they may remember me I give to my Son Daniel all my wearing Apparel except One Beaver Hat and Blew Morning Gown, the Beaver Hat I give to my Son William and the Gown to my Son David. I give to my Three Children Mary, Anne and David the goods that are already put up together and marked with the Letters of their names. I order that all my Debts shall be paid out of my Leases (particularly mentioning Ten pounds to Mr John Crailey Scrivener, Fifty pounds to Anthony Rawlings Esqr and the Wages to his Manservant). And after all my Debts paid, I give the remainder of my Leases and all other my Estate whatsoever unto my Three Children Mary, Anne and David Gosford to be equally divided amongst them, except Two peeces of broad gold one of them I give to my brother Thomas Palmer and the other to John Warman and desire them to be my Overseers to see this my Will truly performed:*

*All which the said David Gosford Senr., being of sound and perfect mind and memory, did so utter and declare with an intent that the same should stand for and be his Last Will and Testament in the presence and hearing of Three or more credible persons, whom he requested to take notice or bear witness thereof or to that effect.*

*[signed] John Gain*

*[signed] Ralph Kent*

*[signed] Augustine Gwyn*

Administration with will annexed was granted to Mary Gosford and Anne Gosford (spinsters, natural daughters of the testator) by Surrey Archdeaconry Court on 5 August 1691 and they were sworn. Inventory with total value of £168.10.7d was exhibited on 19 September 1691 but the inventory itself does not appear to survive.

#### **Appendix D: Will of Gregory Palmer, probate 1693 [42]**

The text of the original manuscript of the will is:

*In the Name of God Amen I Gregory Palmer of West Haddon in the County of Northampton Clarke being weake of boddy but of sound and perfect memory thanks be to God for it doe make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following (That is to say)*

*First I bequeath my Soule and Spiritt into the hands of Allmighty God my heavenly father by whome of his meere and Grace I trust to be saved and Received into eternall Rest through the death of my Saviour & Redeemer Jesus Christ In whose precious bloud I sett the whole and onely hope of my salvation my wretched boddy in hope of a Joyfull Resurrection I committ to the Earth to be decently buried att the discretion of my Executor hereafter named*

*And as to that wordly [sic] Estate which God of his mercie hath beene pleased to intrust me withal I dispossesse of as followeth*

*First I give devise and bequeath unto my Foure sonnes Richard William Daniell and Thomas Palmer and to their heires and Assignes forever All that my Quarterne or*

*Fourth part of one Yard Land of land Arrable Meadow and Pasture ground with the appurtenances lying and beeing within the open and Commonable feilds of West Hadden aforesaid, Togeather with all woods underwoods Trees mounds Fences wayes paths passages profitts commodities advantages & molluments & hereditaments whatsoever to the said premises belonging or in anywise appertaining & the Reversion and Reversions Remainder & Remainders thereof To have and to hold the said Quarterne or Fourth part of one Yard Land with the appurtenances unto my said Foure sonnes Richard William Daniell and Thomas Palmer & to the survivors & survivor of them and their heires & the heires of such survivors and survivor of them for ever to be equally devidd share and share alike.*

*Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Elmes widdow my Bedstead Curtaines and valence & Curtaine Rods which is standing and being in the Hall Chamber of the house where I now live Togeather with all bedding and Furniture belonging to the said Bedstead.*

*Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandaughter Mary Elmes my Table and two stooles in the parlour of the said house & my Chest in the Hall Chamber.*

*Item I give unto my Grandsonne John Elmes my two best Ews and lambs.*

*Item I give & bequeath unto my said Grandsonne John Elmes the sume of twenty shillings of current English money to be paid unto him within twelve Months next after my decease.*

*Item I give unto my two Grandchildren William Palmer & Hannah Palmer the sonne and daughter of my said sonne William Tenn shillings apeece to be paid unto my said Grandchildren within twelve Months next after my decease.*

*Item I give and bequeath unto the poore of West Hadden aforesaid twenty shillings to be distributed among them by my Executor hereafter named within three Months next after my decease.*

*Lastly I nominate and appoint my Sonne William Palmer Sole Executor of this my last will and Testament unto whom I give & bequeath all the rest and residue of my goods & Chattles unbequeathed my debts and legacies and Funerall expensses being first paid and discharged.*

*And I do hereby renounce & Revoake all other & former Wills by me heretofore made.*

*In Wittnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & Seale the sixt day of June in the Fift yeare of the Raigne of our Most Gracious Sovereigne Lord and Lady William and Mary by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Irelan King & Queene defenders of the faith etc Annoq Dom 1693.*

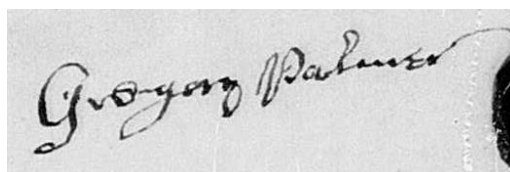
*[signed] Gregory Palmer*

*Sealed signed published and declared the words father & lands being first interlined in the presence of us*

*[signed] John Earle*

*[signed] Jacob Lucas*

*[signed] Jo: Hartshorne*

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gregory Palmer". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, typical of the late 17th century. The signature is written on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

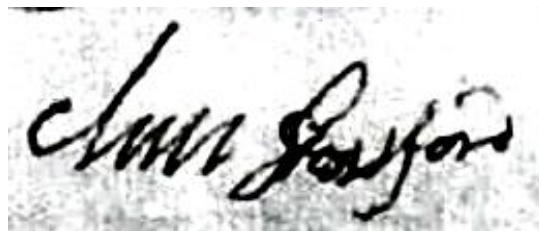
Probate was granted by Northampton Archdeaconry Court on 17 June 1693 and William Palmer, son and executor, was sworn.

## **Appendix E: Will of Ann Gosford, probate 1693**

St Olave Southwark parish register records the burial on 20 June 1693 of 'Anne Gosford'. The text of the original manuscript of the will is:

*In the name of God Amen. I Anne Gosford of the parish of St Olaves in Southwark in the county of Surrey spinster being sick & weak but of sound & perfect Mind & Memory prayed be Almighty God Doe make this my last Will & Testament in manner & forme following (that is to say)*  
*first I Commend my soul into the Hands of Almighty God in a certaine Hope of Salvation through the Meritts of Jesus Christ our Lord And my Body I comitt to ye Earth to be decently Buried att ye discrecion of my Executrix hereinafter named And as to the Worldly Estate wherewith Itt hath pleased Almighty God to Blesse me I Give and Dispose of as followeth (that is to say) I Give & Bequeath unto Mary Gosford my sister & to my brothers David Gosford & Daniell Gosford (after my Debts & Funeral Charges & Legacies paid & Discharged) All my Moneys & Debts the same to be Equally Devided between them share & share alike.*  
*Also I Give to my said Brother David Gosford my Bedd Bedding Furniture Curtaines & vallence & all that belongs to it*  
*Also I Give to my said Brother David Gosford One Diamond Ring and one Funerall Ring the posie thereof being this (Noe Home like Heaven)*  
*And to my sister Mary Gosford Two other Funerall Rings,*  
*And to my said Brother Daniell I also Give one Funerall Ring And to my Brother William Gosford I also Give one other Funerall Ring*  
*Also I give to my said Brother David Gosford & to my sister Mary Gosford I give One Dozen of Napkins equally to be Devided between them share & share alike*  
*Also to the said David Gosford I Give a Gold Bodkin*  
*And to Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs I Give a Tenn shilling piece of Gold & Two Aprons & Two shifts*  
*Also I give to Mrs Elizabeth Palmer One paire of Flaxen Sheets*  
*And to Susan Palmer daughter of Daniell Palmer One other paire of Flaxen sheets and to the said Elizabeth Palmer Daughter of Mr Thomas Palmer I Give One Stone Ring And to ye said Susan Palmer I Give one Funerall Ring*  
*Also I Give to Mary Palmer daughter of ye said Thomas Palmer my Broken Silver Spooone which my Will Is shall be Changed for a new one by my Executrix hereinafter named*  
*Also I Give to Gregory Palmer son of ye said Thomas Palmer my Silver handle Knife*  
*Also I give to Ellis Palmer Daughter of ye said Daniell Palmer a Small peice of Gold*  
*Also I Give to ye said Elizabeth Palmer a little Box with a seale & picture & other odd things in ye same Box*  
*Also I give to ye said Ellis Palmer a Silver Nutmeg grater*

*Also I Give to Penelope Gosford Wife of the said Daniell Gosford Two Shifts & a Black Crape Gowne  
And I give to Elizabeth [GAP] a poor Woman that Sweeps ye Church One Shift & Five shillings in Money  
Also I Give to [Tawey?] Roberts alias Double my Old Gowne & Crape Petticoate  
Also I Give to ye said Elizabeth Palmer my Black Tabby petticoate  
And to ye said Ellis Palmer my Toloured Tabby petticoate  
And to ye said Susan Palmer I Give my White & Stuffe petticoate  
And I give to Ann Palmer daughter of Richard Palmer my Stuffe Gourd & two Aprons  
And to ye said Elizabeth Palmer I Give my Tabby Mantell  
And to the said Susan Palmer I give my Gray Mantell  
And to the said Ellis Palmer I Give my White Mantle  
And to my Ant Palmer wife of Daniell Palmer I Give my Chest & Close Stool  
And to Mrs Elson I Give two of my best Holland Aprons  
Also I give to ye said David Gosford my Sweetwood Box & foare pillows Two great ones and two little ones  
And all my pewter I give to Daniell Gosford David Gosford & Mary Gosford Equally to be devided between them Share And Share alike  
And I Give to Elizabeth Palmer wife of ye said Thomas Palmer Two Aprons  
And to ye said David I Give my best Bible and to ye said Elizabeth Ye poor woman above named I Give one other Bible  
And to ye said Mrs Gibbs I give my two new Aprons & to ye said Penelope Gosford I Give two other new Aprons  
And I Give to Mr William Gibbs & his wife Tenn Shillings a piece to Buy Each of them a Ring  
And all ye rest of my Goods Chattels & personal Estate not herein by me given or bequeathed I Give to my said sister Mary Gosford whom I Doe hereby make & Ordaine Constitute & Appoint sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament Hereby Revoking all Wills & Testaments by me formerly made  
In Witness whereof I ye said Anne Gosford have hereunto sett my hand & Seale the fifteenth Day of June Anno Dni 1693 And in the fifth yeare of ye Raigne of King William and Queen Mary over England etc.  
Ann Gosford [signed]  
Witnesses were:  
Mary Pitcher her mark O  
[signed] Cha Turner*

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ann Gosford', written in a cursive style typical of the late 17th century.

Probate was granted by Surrey Archdeaconry Court on 8 July 1693 and Mary Gosford, executrix named in the will, was sworn.



## **Appendix F: Will of Thomas Palmer, probate 1728**

The text of the original manuscript of the will is:

*In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Palmer Parish Clerk of the Parish of St Olave Southwark in the County of Surrey being weak and Infirm in Body but of Sound mind memory & understanding God be praised Do by divine permission Make publish and declare these presents to be and contain my last Will and Testament as followeth*

*And first I Commend my Soul, to God who gave it, and my Body I Commit to the Dust from whence it Came to be decently Interred at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named*

*And touching the disposal of such temporal Estate as the Lord hath been pleased to bestow upon me I order Give Devise and Bequeath the Same as followeth*

*Imprimis I Make Name Constitute and appoint my loveing Wife Mary and my good friend Christopher Marshal of London Apothecary to be Executors of this my Will and I Give and bequeath unto the said Christopher Marshal Twenty shillings for a Ring for his kindness and Care in Executing the Same.*

*Item I direct and appoint that my just debts and funeral Expenses be fully paid And Whereas my Executors will be Interested or Intituled unto a Charitable Contribution after my decease for Support of the Widows and Children of Parish Clerks to which I have been a Contributor I Give devise and bequeath direct and appoint all the said Charitable Contribution unto and for the Sole use and Support of my Said loveing Wife Mary*

*Item I give and bequeath to my said loving Wife Mary one full and equal third part of all my cleer personal Estate according to the ancient custom of the City of London*

*Item I Give and bequeath unto and among my three Children Vizt My Sons Gregory Palmer and Humphrey Palmer and my Daughter Susannah Roberts Equally part and Share alike One other full and Equal third part of my said Cleer personal Estate according to the Custom of the City of London and which I will and appoint shall be in barr of all their further Claim or demand of in or to any part of my Estate*

*And It is my Will and Mind And I hereby order direct and appoint that before my said son Humphrey Palmer shall have or receive the part or Share of my Estate herein before given unto him he shall account with, Satisfy and pay unto my Executors Sixty Pounds Sterling which I Charge him Debtor to me for Six Years Board, Maintenance and Cloathing of his Son Thomas Palmer My Grandson at the rate of Tenn Pounds per Annum*

*And Concerning the other One full and Equal part of my said Cleer personal Estate which by the Said Custom of the City of London I have power and right to give and dispose of I order Give devise and bequeath the same third part of my said personal Estate unto my said loving wife Mary, and to her Assignes for Ever together with all other my Estate whatsoever real and personal, which I shall dye possessed of or Intituled unto after my debts, Legacies and funerals are paid And I Revoke and make void all former Wills and Testaments by me in any wise heretofore made, published or declared In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett*

*my hand and Seal the Eighteenth Day of July Anno Domini 1727 Annoq regni  
Regis Georgij Secundi magnae Britanniae etc primo.*

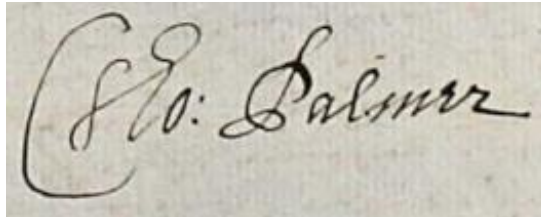
*[signed] Tho: Palmer*

*Signed, sealed, published, declared and delivered by the said Testator for and as  
his only last Will and Testament in the presence of us*

*[signed] Thomas Palmer Junr.*

*[signed] John Pizey*

*[signed] Wm: Holloway Nory: Publ: [notary public]*

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Tho: Palmer". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

Probate was granted by Surrey Archdeaconry Court on 24 June 1728 and Mary Palmer, the widow, relict and executrix named in the will, was sworn.

**Appendix G: Descent of Emma Eliza Bott from Gregory Palmer**

<b>Gregory PALMER</b> born 1607/8 West Haddon married 1639 Blisworth buried 1693 West Haddon	<b>Anne HOE</b>  buried 1686 West Haddon
<b>Ann PALMER</b> married 1670 Dunchurch buried 1699 West Haddon	<b>William ELMES</b>  buried 1680 West Haddon
<b>John ELMES</b> baptised 1676 West Haddon buried 1738 West Haddon	<b>Elizabeth</b> born c.1679 buried 1751 West Haddon
<b>Thomas ELMES</b> baptised 1713/4 West Haddon married 1736 Brockhall	<b>Elizabeth BEALE</b> baptised 1718 Crick  buried 1761 Crick
<b>William ELMES</b> baptised 1754 Crick married 1780 Thornby died 1842 Thornby	<b>Elizabeth GARNER</b> born c.1757  buried 1820 Thornby
<b>Elizabeth ELMES</b> born c. 1792 Thornby married 1814 Winwick died 1858 Winwick	<b>Thomas BOYSON</b> born 1791 Winwick  died 1864 Winwick
<b>Alice BOYSON</b> baptised 1823 Winwick married 1843 Cold Ashby died 1856 Crick	<b>William CRISP</b> baptised 1821 Crick  died 1867 Cold Ashby
<b>Alice CRISP</b> baptised 1854 Crick married 1873 Great Bowden died 1938 Naseby	<b>Jesse BOTT</b> born 1850 Naseby  died 1891 Naseby
<b>Emma Eliza BOTT</b> born 1878 Thornby married 1903 Naseby died 1943 Dulwich	<b>Mark HOWCUTT</b> born 1880 Wing, Buckinghamshire  died 1965 Tooting

## Notes

- [1] Historic England: Church of All Saints, West Haddon.  
<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1229379?section=official-list-entry>
- [2] Northampton Archdeaconry Court: 1st series, book B, number 168.
- [3] The National Archives (TNA): E179/155/136.  
<http://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/subsidies/transcripts/guilsborough16c.shtml>
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